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For: **MARKER PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSING LIVER DISEASE AND METHOD OF  
DIAGNOSING LIVER DISEASE USING THE SAME**

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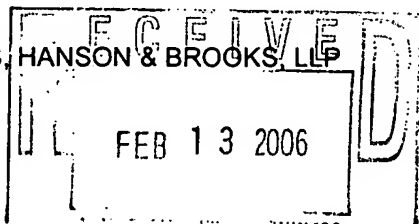


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